HOUSE BILL No. 1804

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-2-10.

Synopsis: Various election law matters. Revises the instruction to voters who vote a straight party ticket and vote for candidates not on the straight party ticket. Requires the PERF board of trustees to take all action necessary to modify the state's agreement with the Social Security Administration to exclude the services of election workers paid less than the threshold amount mandated by the Social Security Act.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

Pierce, Richardson

January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.





First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

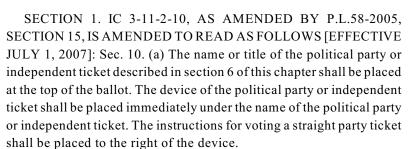
Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (b) The instructions for voting a straight party ticket must conform as nearly as possible to the following: "To vote a straight (insert political party name) ticket for all (political party name) candidates on this ballot, make a voting mark on or in this circle and do not make any other marks on this ballot, unless you want to vote for any candidates of a political party other than the (political party name). If you want to vote for candidates for offices other than candidates of the (political party name) party, you must:
 - (1) make a voting mark on or in the square to the left of that



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1	candidate's name; or
2	(2) write in the name of the candidate on the ballot where
3	write-in votes may be cast and make a voting mark on or in
4	the square to the left of the candidate's name you write in.
5	If more than one (1) candidate is to be elected to an office, you
6	must also make a voting mark on or in the square to the left of the
7	names of the candidates of the (political party name) party for
8	whom you want to vote for that office in addition to the names of
9	the candidates you want to vote for who are not (political party
10	name) candidates. DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES
11	FOR AN OFFICE THAN ARE TO BE ELECTED; IF YOU DO,
12	THE VOTES FOR THE (POLITICAL PARTY NAME)
13	CANDIDATES FOR THAT OFFICE WILL NOT BE COUNTED
14	AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ALL THE VOTES YOU CAST FOR
15	CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.
16	If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on
17	a public question, you must make another voting mark on the
18	appropriate place on this ballot.".
19	(c) If the ballot contains an independent ticket described in section
20	6 of this chapter and at least one (1) other independent candidate, the
21	ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially as follows:
22	"A vote cast for an independent ticket will only be counted for the
23	candidates for President and Vice President or governor and lieutenant
24	governor comprising that independent ticket. This vote will NOT be
25	counted for any OTHER independent candidate appearing on the
26	ballot.".
27	(d) The ballot must also contain a statement that reads substantially
28	as follows: "A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for
29	a DECLARED write-in candidate. To vote for a write-in candidate, you
30	must make a voting mark on or in the square to the left of the name you
31	have written in or your vote will not be counted.".
32	(e) The list of candidates of the political party shall be placed
33	immediately under the instructions for voting a straight party ticket.
34	The names of the candidates shall be placed three-fourths (3/4) of an
35	inch apart from center to center of the name. The name of each
36	candidate must have, immediately on its left, a square three-eighths
37	(3/8) of an inch on each side.
38	(f) The election division or the circuit court clerk may authorize the
39	printing of ballots containing a ballot variation code to ensure that the
40	proper version of a ballot is used within a precinct.
41	SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Before January

1, 2008, the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement



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l	fund shall take all action necessary to modify the state's agreement
2	under Section 218 of the federal Social Security Act to exclude the
3	services of election workers paid less than the threshold amount
1	mandated by the federal Social Security Act.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2008.

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SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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